

THIRD SERIES OF TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

GEORGE DICKIE, A.M., M.D.





TESTIMONIALS.

*From Dr. LINDLEY, Professor of Botany in University College,
London.*

LONDON, 8th Oct., 1847.

DEAR SIR,—I will not fail to bear in mind your wishes ; and it will give me much pleasure to find myself able to do justice to your merits. I have read and quoted your observations on Vegetable Structure with much satisfaction. Those on the Ovule are among the best we have, and I am sure that a Botanist with so much originality as you, could not fail to be of great use in any capacity in which his services may be required.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

JOHN LINDLEY.

*From Dr. G. W. ARNOTT, Professor of Botany in the University
of Glasgow.*

GLASGOW, 9th Nov., 1847.

DEAR SIR,—Among the cultivators of science who are at all likely to be candidates for the Chairs of Botany in the new Irish Colleges, I do not remember any better qualified than yourself, Dr. Scouler, Dr. Taylor, and Mr. H. C. Watson. It would be invidious in me to draw a line between you. I may say, however, that your great attention to Cryptogamous Plants, and particularly

to the Algæ, insures that patient habit of investigation and accuracy of discrimination, essential to every one who aspires to the name of Botanist, while your having lectured on Botany with success for several years at Aberdeen, proves that you possess in no small degree the ability of the teacher.

Believe me,

Yours truly,

G. WALKER ARNOTT.

From Dr. BALFOUR, Professor of Botany in the University of Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH, 10th Nov., 1847.

I have had the pleasure of being acquainted with Dr. DICKIE for many years, and have formed a very high opinion of his Botanical acquirements. His papers and communications on various points connected with Structural and Physiological Botany, have evinced ability, zeal, and perseverance, and have decidedly placed him in a high position as an original observer.

From his general and Botanical knowledge, and his powers of communicating information to others, I consider him well qualified for conducting the studies of youth; and I am sure that he would discharge the duties of Professor of Botany in such a way as to conduce to the best interests of Science.

J. H. BALFOUR, M.D.,
Professor of Medicine and Botany.

*From Dr. G. JOHNSTON of Berwick-upon-Tweed, Author of
Works on Natural History.*

I have no personal knowledge of Dr. DICKIE, nor have I had an opportunity of judging of his fitness for communicating information to others, but, from a careful perusal of his various excellent essays, I am satisfied that Dr. DICKIE possesses an accurate and extensive knowledge of Botany, both Systematic and Physiological, and is, moreover, an original observer, well fitted to promote the science he cultivates. If Dr. DICKIE has the faculty of imparting his knowledge to others, and of instilling into his pupils his own spirit, there surely will be very few found who could fill a Professor's chair with more advantage and credit.

GEORGE JOHNSON, M.D.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED,
November 10, 1847.

*From Dr PATRICK NEILL, author of Horticultural and Botanical
Works.*

HAVING been requested to state my opinion of the qualifications of Dr. GEORGE DICKIE of Aberdeen, for a Botanical appointment in one of the New Irish Colleges, I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his eminent fitness for such an office. From personal acquaintance and intercourse, I can speak with confidence of his acuteness as a practical Botanist and a Physiological inquirer; and I know from good authority, that he has proved himself an able and successful Lecturer on Botany.

PATRICK NEILL, L.L.D. F.R.S.E.

CANONMILLS,
11th November, 1847.

From CHARLES C. BABINGTON Esq., *Author of a Manual of British Botany and other Works.*

MY DEAR SIR,—Although I have not had the advantage of being personally acquainted with you, still I have had good opportunities of forming an opinion concerning your knowledge as a Botanist. I have, therefore, much satisfaction in stating that, in my estimation, you are very superior in Botanical acquirements to several of those who have been candidates for the appointments in the new Irish Colleges, and that should you be made Professor of Botany, in either of them, or in any other similar institution, the electors will have selected a person well qualified to do them credit.

I am

My Dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

CHARLES C. BABINGTON, M.A.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, Cambridge,
11th November, 1847.

From N. B. WARD, Esq., *Author of Botanical Writings.*

Although I have not long had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with Dr. DICKIE, his reputation as a Botanist, and his writings have long been familiar to me, and I have great satisfaction in stating that I consider Dr. DICKIE to be most admirably qualified to fill any public Botanical Chair.

N. B. WARD.

WELLCLOSE SQUARE, LONDON,
11th November, 1847.

From Dr. W. H. HARVEY, Keeper of the Herbarium of the University of Dublin, Author of numerous Botanical Works.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN,
11th November, 1847.

MY DEAR SIR, I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to your merits as a Botanist. Your various publications in the scientific journals abundantly prove how successfully you have cultivated the Science of Botany, which I know you pursue with much ardour, while your researches and discoveries in some of its more obscure and difficult branches bear ample testimony to your talent and speak more powerfully in your favour than the strongest panegyric. With these researches I had been familiar before I had the pleasure of making your personal acquaintance, and they are equally known to, and appreciated by the Botanists of Europe and America. Your having held a lectureship in a University, must have given you that facility of expression which is so requisite in a public teacher, while your intimate acquaintance with the details of Physiological and Structural Botany peculiarly fits you to instruct others in these important branches of Education.

With best wishes for your welfare, believe me,

My Dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

W. H. HARVEY.

From Dr. ALLEN THOMSON, Professor of Physiology in the University of Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH, 12th Nov., 1847.

I have pleasure in stating that from my personal knowledge of Dr. DICKIE, and from the perusal of his writings on Botanical subjects, I consider him as eminently qualified for the situation of Professor of Botany in a University or any public institution. Dr. DICKIE'S

reputation as a Practical and Physiological Botanist stands deservedly high with those capable of forming an opinion in the matter, and his success as a public lecturer in Aberdeen, has given him a just claim for such an appointment as that he is now desirous of obtaining.

ALLEN THOMSON, M.D. F.R.S.E.,
Professor of Physiology in the University of Edinburgh.

From Dr. GREVILLE, Author of numerous Botanical Works.

DEAR SIR,—Although I have not the pleasure of knowing you personally, yet from all that I have heard of you from parties in whom I place confidence, and more especially from your contributions to Botanical science, I cannot doubt of your fitness to discharge the duties of a Botanical Chair in one of the new Irish Colleges. It will give me sincere pleasure to learn that one so active and enthusiastic as yourself is successful in his application.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Very truly yours,

R. K. GREVILLE.